

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Headlines**

#### **Secretary Elaine Chao announces \$14 million in Grants to Support New Freedom Initiative.**

The New Freedom Initiative goal is to integrate Americans with disabilities into the workforce. The Office of Disability Employment Policy at the Department of Labor (DOL) has awarded thirty-eight grants ranging from \$83,000 to \$1 million. Nearly \$4 million have been awarded to eight organizations to develop model demonstration programs to enhance the capacity of DOL's various youth programs to serve youth with disabilities. To obtain more information about the youth grants contact Dina Dorich at 202-693-7859.

#### **The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) presents award to California Youth Council Institute.**

DOL and the National Association of State Workforce Agencies honored the California Youth Council Institute with the Architect of Change Innovation Customer Service Award. The award recognizes organizations for their creativity and innovation in serving customers of the employment and training system. For more information contact Lois Ann Porter, New Ways to Work at 707-824-4000 or visit: <http://www.nww.org/yci/>.

#### **U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Chamber of Commerce announces Partnership.**

The Education Department has established a partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Center for Workforce Preparation to acquaint businesses with the programs and resources available at the Department of Education. In addition, the partnership provides a means for helping employers tap into the disability community for qualified workers. Program information and resources from both organizations are available to business partners. For more information about disability related resources, visit: <http://www.ed.gov/>.

**The Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Department of Labor (DOL) announces new initiatives to Promote Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities.** SSA and DOL have launched two projects to assist persons with disabilities, the "Navigators" and "Tickets for Hire." The Navigators project will link people who visit the Department of Labor's One Stop centers with employers and provide information on Social Security's work incentives. "Ticket to Here", is a referral service for employers to recruit workers from the Tickets to Hire. To download the notice:

<http://www.ssa.gov/>

**HUD awarded grants for low-income citizens.** HUD announced over \$45,970 million in grants to housing authorities across the nation, including the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands for job training and placement for low-income citizens. The funding is expected to help thousands of citizens find employment. For more information go to: <http://www.hud.gov/>

### ***Upcoming Events:***

**The National Workforce Association's (NWA)** will host its 2002 Annual Conference, December 6-8, in St. Petersburg, Florida. A special workshop will be held to increase members understanding of congress and the legislative process. For information related to conference registrations, contact the NWA Conference office at 202-842-4004.

### ***Program Spotlight***

**Seattle Youth Employment Rewarding Youth Achievement Program (RYA).** Charamine Jones and Jonelle Foster youth from the Seattle RYA program, each received a \$20,000 four-year achievers scholarship from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Each youth will complete two years of college in the State of Washington and plan to transfer to Howard University in Washington, DC. Contact Marie Malyeva at 206-448-0474.

**Two Learn and Earn Programs in Idaho receive recognition.** The National Governor's Association and the Department of Labor recognized the Learn and Earn Program operated by the Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services, Inc. for their achievements in the following areas: employment, credential, skill attainment, and school retention rates. For more information on this program, contact Sylvia Ann Bradshaw at 208-734-4435.

**Wyoming Youth Programs Honored for Work With At-Risk Youth.** Three programs initiated by the Laramie County Youth Services Council received a Promising and Effective Practices Network Award. These programs were part of a collaborative effort bringing several agencies together to provide a variety of services to at-risk youth. Contact Ms. Kay Kaz, Acting Manager of the Cheyenne Employment Center, Department of Workforce Services, at 307-777-3700 to obtain contact sources for the individual agencies involved in this project.

**The World Institute on Disabilities launches "Proyecto Vision.** Proyecto Vision provides opportunities for Latinos with disabilities access to critical services to assist them with their employment efforts. Participants obtain information through a toll free hotline and provided access to participate in annual employment-based regional conferences and in leadership development activities. The project is funded by a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration. For more information visit: <http://www.proyectovision.net>

**Tucson Youth Opportunity Participant receives appointment to the U.S. Military Academy.** Erin Tejo was chosen as one of 1,200 New Cadets to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. She is the first YO! participant to be selected nationally to attend a Military Academy. Erin will begin her training in the summer of 2003. For more information contact Erin Trejo YO case manager, Marty Stevens at MStevens@csd.co.pima.az.us

### ***Opportunities for Youth***

**HUD announces \$2 million in funding for Girls Scout, of the USA.** Girls Scout of the USA will receive funds to help operate existing programs and start new programs for girl residents of public and Indian housing developments. The funds will help the organization reach more girls living in public housing and give them an opportunity to participate in scouting. For more information, visit: <http://www.hud.gov/news/release>

**Telluride Association is seeking Nominations for scholarships applicants** You are invited to nominate 10<sup>th</sup> grade students to apply for a scholarship to the Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar (TASS) summer program. TASS is a free six-week seminar, co-sponsored by Indiana University at Bloomington, and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Students participate in an academic seminar and receive assistance from college-aged mentors. The program has an African American focus; however, applications from all interested sophomores are welcome. For more information contact Ellen Baer, Administrative Director, Telluride Association at: <http://telluride@cornell.edu>. Deadline: December 9, 2002.

**Leadership Development Programs for Hispanic Students** The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI), a nonprofit organization, provides leadership development programs and educational services for Hispanic high school, college, and postgraduate students. CHCI offers fellowships and congressional summer internship programs to current Latino undergraduate students and recent college graduates. Participants are provided with a stipend, round-trip transportation, health benefits, and/or housing. The summer internship deadline is January 31, 2003 and fellowship deadline: February 28, 2003. For more information on these and other opportunities available through CHCI, visit: <http://www.chciyouth.org/>

### **Websites**

**The Foundation for Young Australians.** The foundation maintains several websites devoted to youth programs. To explore the websites visit: <http://www.ayf.org.au/> and

<http://www.ayf.org.au/Policies%20and%20Practice/Youth%20Participation%20Strategy.htm>

More information can be found at:

<http://www.mcs.bc.ca/yps/snack.htm>

### **Publications/Reports/Resources**

**Juvenile Crime/Justice Articles.** The 11/05/2002, edition of the Record (Hackensack, N.J.) includes articles by Jennifer V. Hughes, which highlight alternative education and mentoring programs offered to young offenders. The articles entitled "For young criminals, rigorous day program is jail alternative" and "Cheaper than jail, yes, but do they work?" are available online, visit:

[http://www.bergen.com/page.php?level\\_3\\_id=7&page=5434748](http://www.bergen.com/page.php?level_3_id=7&page=5434748) and  
[http://www.bergen.com/page.php?level\\_3\\_id=7&page=5420019](http://www.bergen.com/page.php?level_3_id=7&page=5420019)

**The National League of Cities, the Learning First Alliance, and the National Collaboration for Youth,** have issued a joint statement, entitled "Ensuring the Success of Children & Youth in American Communities". The statement encourages schools, youth development groups, social service agencies, and local governments to collaborate with families, faith-based organizations, and other community members. To read the statement go to:  
<http://www.communityschools.org/jointposition.pdf>

**Resource Tools produced by National League of Cities (NLC). FIVE ACTIONKITS developed by NLC are available. To download in pdf format.** Download a copy here, or request that one be mailed by leaving a detailed message at 202/626-3014 or by emailing [rpdl@nlc.org](mailto:rpdl@nlc.org). Single

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[http://www.nlc.org/nlc\\_org/site/programs/institute\\_foryouth\\_education\\_and\\_families/index.cfm](http://www.nlc.org/nlc_org/site/programs/institute_foryouth_education_and_families/index.cfm)

The individual action kits are listed below:

[Expanding Afterschool Opportunities](#) (pdf, 121kb)

\* [Promoting Youth Participation](#) (pdf, 125kb)

\* [Improving Public Schools](#) (pdf, 122kb)

\* [Helping Working Families](#) (pdf, 123kb)

\* [Protecting Children & Youth](#) (pdf, 189kb)

**Juvenile Justice Update.** The Civic Research Institute publishes a bimonthly report, "Juvenile Justice Updates". The report provides new ideas and important developments in juvenile justice system. To learn more about the publication and to subscribe visit: [www.civicrosearchinstitute.com](http://www.civicrosearchinstitute.com).

**School's Out.** The October 27 edition of the Washington Post features an article by Laura Sessions Stepp, which address the plights youth face without the benefit of a college education. Statistics indicates that nearly nine million high school graduates chose not to enroll in college in 2001. Many of these youth have found it increasingly difficult to acquire full time jobs with decent pay increases. To obtain more information about this article visit: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A16674-2002Oct25.html>

**One Stop Services for People with Disabilities** The Center on Workforce and Disability/Adults has published a report that features facts and guidelines for One-Stops and Workforce Investment Boards. The report highlights services available for persons with psychiatric disabilities. For more information, visit: <http://www.onestops.info>

### ***Funding Opportunities***

**Youth Action Net announces Social Change mini-grants.** Youth ActionNet, sponsored by the International Youth Foundation provides small grants to youth leaders and their emerging projects that promote social change and connect youth with local communities. Award recipients will receive \$500 and funds for a disposable camera to photo document their projects for an on-line journal and contribute to a booklet of case studies highlighting the work of young people bringing positive change to their communities. The program is open to youth ages 18-24. Complete program guidelines and application forms are available online at: <http://www.youthactionnet.org.minigrants.php>.  
Deadline: April 18, 2003; October 1, 2003.

**HHS Announces \$25 million to help Faith Based and Community Based Organizations** Nearly \$25 million will be made available to fund between fifteen to twenty five intermediary organizations that provide technical assistance to help faith-based and community organizations access funding sources, operate and manage their programs. For more information e-mail: <http://www.hhs.gov/new/press/2002pres>

## **Calendar of Events**

**December 3-4. DOL- Youth Development Apprenticeship (YDPA) Implementation Grantee Meeting, Milwaukee, WI.** *For local YDPA grantees only.* YDPA local grantees should contact Brenda McLaughlin at 410-516-8882.

**December 4-6. DOL Region 1 - WIA Learning Exchange for Youth Services, New Haven, Connecticut.** *For Local Workforce Investment Boards and Youth Councils in DOL Region 1.* For more information, contact Tracy Schmidt at 202-775-9731 or visit: <http://ditassociates.com/WIAExchangeCT/faqs.cfm>.

**December 5-6. Atlanta, GA.** Breakthrough Strategies to Teach and Counsel Troubled Youth. Contact: (800) 545-5736, or visit: [www.youthchg.com](http://www.youthchg.com).

**December 10-11. Workforce Alliance's 2002 National Conference: Advocating for Training Under the Reauthorization, Washington, DC.** For more information, visit: [http://www.workforcealliance.org/network/December\\_2002\\_Conference/Conference\\_homepage.shtm](http://www.workforcealliance.org/network/December_2002_Conference/Conference_homepage.shtm).

**January 17. Entries due for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Film Contest.** For more information, contact Ann Stom at [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov). *For Youth Opportunity Grantees Only.*

**February 6. Richmond, VA-Prevent Child Abuse Virginia.** Working with Cognitively Challenged Parents. Contact: (804) 359-6166, or visit: [www.preventchildabuseva.org](http://www.preventchildabuseva.org).

**February 15-18. Anaheim, CA.** National Crime Prevention Council. National Youth Summit on Preventing Violence. Contact: (202) 261-4165, or visit: [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).

**April 27 – 29, 2003. Rural Conference 2003 – Bigger and Better!** For more information, contact Kris Latimer at 541-928-0241, ext. 219, or e-mail: [kris@tocowa.org](mailto:kris@tocowa.org), <http://www.tocowa.org>.

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**We welcome your input:** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377) or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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